

Winter onions(?) have great flavor, strange growing habits

One of the most delightful spring treats in my garden again this year was actually planted more than 50 years ago and it still has not been assigned a permanent name. You may call them winter onions or tree onions, or even call them Egyptian onions or how about Egyptian walking onions. Whatever name you wish to use to describe them they offer one of the first wonderful garden fresh flavors of the new season. But their fresh taste is only one of the reasons why they are so gratifying in the garden. Their growing habit and seeding method almost defies description. But I'll try.

Egyptian onions are the absolute



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first sign of edible green in the spring garden. Their green shoots begin to appear in early March and are nearly always harvestable by late March or early April. They grow in clumps of four or five and are pulled from the ground just like any green onion and their taste is very mild and highly agreeable to any onion lover.

bulbs, called bulbils, at the top of each stalk. When cold weather arrives, the stalks fall over and the bulbils take root and grow into next spring's crop of green onions. The stalk carrying the bulbils falls a foot or two from where it had been growing; hence the name of Egyptian walking onions.

Wayne Winterrowd, author and

garden designer from Vermont who writes for "Horticulture" magazine, describes the tiny perfectly formed onions sprouting on top of the three foot stems as "something like a fanciful tree that Dr. Seuss would draw." He prefers to call them Egyptian onions because of the exotic sound of the name, although their origins seem to be nowhere near Egypt. I've always referred to them as winter onions, a name that my parents applied to them when I was very young. That name makes sense since they are edible so early in the spring, or more correctly, late winter. I got my cluster of bulbils from my Mom's garden nearly 50

years ago, and I have given many little clusters to those who wanted a start over the last several years. Want some?

Even if you grew Egyptian onions for just their outstanding growth habit, they would be worth it. But the taste of a freshly harvested stalk or two in mid-March is quite the best tasting green onion (or scallion) that I can grow. They grow quickly and are generally too large to eat and beginning to form their bulbils in five or six weeks. By then, the green onions I have planted in the regular garden with the lettuce and radishes are ready for the dinner table.

Egyptian onions need to be start-

ed in a bed of their own because of the "walking" habit. To plant, just gently force the cluster into the soil in early spring, water them well and watch them take off. It will be next spring before you harvest your first crop and they'll be ready before you harvest your first crop and they'll be ready before the first asparagus shoots appear. There is only one caution. Always be sure to leave a few mother plants to produce bulbils for next year's harvest or you'll have to beg a pocketfull from another gardener to re-start your bed.

Goodland Catholic youth organization Unit of the Year

The Catholic Youth Organization from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Goodland was named the Outstanding Catholic Youth Organization Unit of the Year for the Salina Diocese at the annual CYO Convention held in Salina Saturday and Sunday.

Over 700 youth attended this event and Goodland's group competed against 88 other parishes for the distinguished award.

Goodland's youth wanted to touch the world this year and they did this by providing a service to every continent in the world, said Roberta Pianalto, youth group leader. The young members serve their own parish through a chil-

dren's ministry and their neighbors by taking blankets to the homeless shelters, she said.

The Goodland group received an award for having the best scrap-book, she said.

Those attending the convention from Our Lady of Perpetual Help included Brandon Sissel, Jeffrey House, Drew Dautel, President Kevin Amthor, David Murray, Connor Simpson, Garrett Nemechek, Jordan McCombs, Chloe Goodwin, Sydney Winston, Tasha Gaydusek, Katelyn Coon, Kasey Hoyt, Burton and Roberta Pianalto (youth group leaders) and parent sponsors Lori Amthor, Jeris McCombs and Tina and Curt Goodwin.

Free Smart Start family fun day set for April 10

In celebration of the "Week of the Young Child", Smart Start North West Kansas, Child Care Resource and Referral, as well as several other organizations and businesses will be sponsoring a Family Fun Day for area families on Saturday, April 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. mountain time. The event will be held in the Union at

Northwest Area Technical School at 1209 Harrison in Goodland.

The carnival atmosphere will provide games and prizes as well as food, activities, clowns and fun for everyone. There is no cost for this event. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Drawings for door prizes will be held throughout the

four hour event.

"Week of the Young Child" is an annual event held each April to recognize and celebrate the special gift of young children to a community. This year's celebration runs from April 11 through 17. For more information contact Smart Start at 465-9103 or Resource and Referral

at 460-5482.

Sponsoring organizations include: PCAN (Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect) Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center, Sheridan County Head Start, Girl Scouts, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Peoples State Bank, and Wal-Mart.

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